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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated January 4, 2007.

Finality of Office Action

In the Applicant's previous response dated October 12, 2006, new claims 8 and 9 were presented, and the Applicant submitted arguments in support of the patentability of these new claims.

However, in the Examiner's recent Office Action, no rejections or comments were made against newly presented claims 8 and 9. In view of the fact that claims 8 and 9 have not received due consideration by the Examiner, the Applicant protests the finality of the recent Office Action.

Amendments

Pages 1 and 2 of the specification have been amended to update US Application numbers with US granted Patent numbers accordingly.

Claim 1 has now been amended to specify the subject-matter of previously presented claims 8 and 9. Basis for the amendments to claim 1 can be found at page 5, lines 19-20 of the description.

The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

In the Applicant's submission, none of the prior art teaches or suggests the printer as defined by claim 1. In particular, there was no suggestion in any of the prior art documents to provide a replaceable printer cartridge which includes means for printhead maintenance, and a cradle having drive means for driving the printhead maintenance means. Since this arrangement was not suggested in any of the prior art documents, the Applicant submits that the rejection of obviousness should be withdrawn.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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